

Absentee Score - Rule 112	A score used when a regular member is absent, and a substitute is not available
Additional Member	Same as Regular (Roster) Player.
All-Events - Rule 306	A contest where two or more events or two or more tournaments are scheduled. An optional fee can be charged
Altering Surface - Rule 18	Changing the surface of a bowling ball, which is not allowed during USBC-certified competitions
Assigned Averages - Rule 319b	Bowlers who do not have a certified average will bowl scratch. Prior to competition, tournament management must have a rule to give authority to assign a higher average than the minimum average
Authority of Team Captain - Rule 104h	Individual in charge of the team who determines who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holds the team franchise • Is on team • The substitute bowls for • Can bowl each week, who's absentee score is used (following rules)
Authority of Team Captain - Rule 304	Individual in charge of the team. Can determine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who is in the lineup and the conduct of the team • Pay each member of the team within 30 days after receiving prize winnings • Cannot be removed except for a rule violation or failure to appear when scheduled
Average - Rule 108	Dividing the total number of pins credited to a bowler in one league by the number of games bowled
Average Adjust (league)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The league's board, by a majority vote, adjusts a player's average because of an injury or disability prior to the start or during the season. Separate averages must be maintained • The league's board, by a two-thirds vote, adjust a player's average upward during the season. The player would use the highest average for the remainder of the season. Separate averages must be maintained
Average Adjustment for Entry - Rule 319d	Bowler's responsibility to adjust their entering average if their tournament

	average for 21 or more games exceeds their entering average by 15 or more pins
Average Adjustments (rerating)	Tournament management adjusts the average higher prior to competition
Average Cap (league) - Rule 108d	Used by a league to determine eligibility of an individual or team
Averages – Adult	Highest average based on a minimum of 21 games, unless tournament rules state another number. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous season’s average used; if the current average of 21 or more games are 10 pins or higher, the current average must be used • Bowler is responsible for verifying their average is correct
Averages – Youth	Highest average based on a minimum of 12 games, unless tournament rules state another number
Balance hole	Not permitted. Other names used are: access/axis hole, get back hole, hook hole, flip hole, weight hole, side hole, curve hole, extra hole
Board – Rule 103	Officers and team captains.
Bowl in Direct Opposition - Rule 117	Pre- or post-bowling with your opponent. Allowed in all leagues
Bowl Out - Rule 113d	A person bowling with their team but finishes a game faster than the other bowlers
Bowling Unopposed – Individual - Rule 117	Person that pre- or post-bowls without their team. An adult league must have a rule to allow, while a youth league must have a rule not to allow
Bowling Unopposed – Team - Rule 117	A team pre- or post-bowling without their opponent. This is allowed, unless the league has a rule not allowing it.
Bye - Rule 109d	League has an uneven number of teams and one team does not bowl.
Conditions cannot change - Rule 312	No changes or modifications can be made after the tournament starts, unless directed by USBC Headquarters
Consent Form - Rule 13	Individuals under the age of 18 must have written consent of a parent or legal guardian before participating in any USBC adult league or tournament.
Deadball - Rule 8	When the delivery does not count.
Delivery-Legal - Rule 4a	A ball leaves the player’s possession and crosses the foul line into playing territory.
Dismissal - Rule 122	Procedure used to remove an officer and/or dismiss a member from a league.
Draw - Rule 109d	League has an uneven number of teams and one team bowls against a team drawn.
Dues – Local	The local association determines local dues.

Dues – National	National dues for adults are \$15 and for youth are \$4
Dues – State	The state association determines adult state dues, up to a maximum of \$5
Earn the Points - Rule 109d	League has an uneven number of teams and one team bowls against themselves. Average less 10 pins per player
Entries close - Rule 310	The last date an entry for a tournament can be received
Forced Action	An action that prevents a player, team(s), or league from competing such as center closed or destroyed, or center banned bowler(s)
Forfeit - Rule 119	A known forfeit is when a team does not have a legal lineup, uses an ineligible player, etc. and points are earned. An unknown forfeit is when a team bowls unaware a forfeit will be declared, points are awarded automatically
Foul - Rule 5	When part of the player's body or clothing encroaches on or goes beyond the foul line
Franchise - Rule 109b	Each team is considered a "franchise"
Gambling - Rule 15	Contest or schemes which threaten the integrity of the game and/or entice a player to bowl beneath their ability are strictly prohibited
Invitational by nature	Each league is invitational by nature and can determine who can bowl in their league
Legal Lineup - Rule 111a	The minimum number of players a team must have competing and the frame in which they must be present. A tardy person cannot be part of a legal lineup unless they arrive prior to the legal lineup designated frame
Lineup Changes - Rule 324a	No player shall change position in any team or doubles events once checked in unless tournament official authorizes
Mail-o-Graphic competition	Scores from one certified competition used for another competition
National Rerate	An average adjustment upward provided by USBC National Headquarters. Average must be used in all competitions
Nonpayment of League Fees - Rule 122b	Procedure used to dismiss a person from the league and pursue suspension action with USBC
Player	Reference to both regular member and substitute
Playing Strength	Playing strength is the maximum number of players allowed in the lineup for competition. In league play, this includes actual players and vacancies

Playoff – Rule 118	Scheduled competition in a league with one or multiple sessions, such as a bracketed competition
Position Match - Rule 107	Pairing teams per their position in the standings
Postpone - Rule 117	An individual/team who bowls after the scheduled league date
Pre-bowl - Rule 117	An individual/team who bowls prior to the scheduled league date
Prize List - Rule 106a	A list of prizes adopted by the league by league rule or a separate vote
Provisional Ball - Rule 10	The team captains cannot resolve a foul, legal pinfall or a deadball
Recap Sheet	A document where game/series are recorded, along with points won/lost.
Regular (Roster) Member	A member of a team. Can attend membership meetings, pays weekly league fees, and is entitled to team prize money. Additional players may not be required to pay league fees.
Reporting prior Prize Winnings - Rule 319d	Bowlers must report prize winnings within the last 12 months to tournament management.
Reports/Prize/Scholarships - Rule 309	Within 30 after the completion of the tournament, unless USBC Headquarters authorize a delay, the tournament manager must submit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prize list with names, scores and prize issued • Financial report on BOWL.com • Associate membership and participation fees and list of participants paying the fees • Scholarship deposited with SMART and input recipient list
Roll-off - Rule 118	Separate competition conducted to break ties, such as a tie for first place in a segment
Roster - Rule 109a	A list of bowlers for a specific team
Scores – Lost - Rule 114b	Scores that cannot be documented or agreed upon by the opposing team
Scoresheet	A frame-by-frame record of a game
Substitute – Rule 110c	Bowls in place of a regular member or a vacancy. Generally, does not pay league fees and not eligible for individual league prizes unless league rules allow. A league may have: Designated: Only bowls for one team Roving: Can bowl on any team

Substitutions during Game or Series - Rule 324b	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A qualified substitute can replace a player at any time, but no changes can be made in the lineup • The replaced player cannot return in the same game • The score is credited to the starting player
Sweeper - Rule 118c	A special contest or competition for prize money scheduled by the league where the scores do not count toward regular league standings, such as a tournament
Tardy Player - Rule 111c	Person arriving after the game has started and is permitted to bowl, per league or USBC rules
Tournament Average Relief - Rule 4e	The relief of an average, because of an injury or disability, for entry into a tournament
Vacancy Score - Rule 112	A score used when a team has an incomplete roster
Vote	All votes are a majority; half plus one is needed for a majority, unless specifically stated in the rule